

## GREAT MEETING IS CONVENED

Strong Men Praise Work of the Educational Conference.

GOVERNOR SWANSON IS ENTHUSIASTIC

His Excellency, Superintendent Eggleston, Drs. Alderman and Kent and Many Officers and Superintendents Give Expression to Their Views.

Prominent educators throughout the State are greatly pleased with the wonderful success of the Educational Conference just ended, and they are unanimously of opinion that its results will be highly beneficial to the public school system.

Many of them were before leaving the city and asked to give their impressions of the meetings, which they did most cheerfully.

Men in close touch with the subject of education as Governor Swanson, Dr. Alderman, Dr. Kent, Superintendent Eggleston and others spoke in warmest praise of the proceedings, and declared that the results could not fail to be of widespread benefit.

There were some conferences between the school officers yesterday, but for the most part the visitors had left, and the week's work, which proved such a brilliant success, was at an end.

The city of Newport News is already in the field to secure the next convention of the Virginia State Teachers' Association, the sessions of which in this city have just adjourned. Superintendent William C. Norton, of that city, is already laying the plans to have the great gathering of pedagogues visit the ship-building city during the Jamestown Exposition. That city is admirably equipped for such a gathering, having a number of commodious and well-lighted public halls within a small radius, and all easily accessible. So far Newport News appears to be the only applicant for the convention.

What They Say.

Here are the signed statements given out last night by prominent men who were asked for their views concerning the conference:

### Looks Encouraging.

The educational meeting just held was without exception one of the most successful meetings of its kind I have ever seen. The interest manifested in education in Virginia was active and earnest. The attendance of teachers, school officials, and persons interested in education of all sections of the State was large. I was pleased beyond measure at the profound interest and in the various school officials in the improvement of the schools and in the cause of education. Everything looks most encouraging for the future, and better educational facilities of every kind in Virginia. This

## Don't Let Your Piles Grow.

Every Hemorrhoidal Ulcer is a Fertile Field for Cancer and Other Deadly Diseases.

### TRIAL PACKAGE FREE.

Constitution unimpaired, hemorrhoids, piles, and other ailments, and piles too often superintendents, and other ailments.

It is impossible to allow this condition to continue. If you have hemorrhoids, or piles, or other ailments, or piles too often superintendents, and other ailments.

There is no greater suffering than this. If you are suffering from piles you know it. It is foolish to think that any amount of self-treatment will cure them. On the contrary, the only safe and reliable operation always cures it. Sometimes



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There is only one natural way to cure piles. There are medicines which either treat the internal hemorrhoids of the bowels and rectum and give it life. The Pyramid Drug Co. have prepared a special medicine for the treatment of the affected part, containing the most powerful, healing, invigorating medicines needed to effect a quick and permanent cure. That these do cure piles is proved by the voluntary testimonials of thousands.

By every mail we get letters like this: "Wishing to give credit where credit is due, I feel it my duty to humanity to say that I am cured of my piles by your first box of medicine. I have not finished my first box and am now well. After the first treatment of Pyramid Pile Cure, the soreness left, and the swellings have kept decreasing. I also used your pills and am feeling like myself. Thanking you kindly, I am, yours truly, C. Crowley, 1201 Ave. Seattle, Wash."

We do not ask you to take our word. We are willing that you should try our treatment and decide for yourself. Send to the Pyramid Drug Co., 72 Pyramid Building, Marshall, Mich., and you will receive a free trial package by return mail. After you have used the contents of this package you can secure more of the same medicine, if you will ask for the "Pyramid Pile Cure."

For sale at all druggists. 50 cents per box.

## PAIN IN BACK.

Indicate That Your Kidneys Are Diseased. Warner's Safe Cure Absolutely and Permanently Cures All Diseases of the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder, Blood, Urinary Organs, and Rheumatism and Diabetes.

## WARNER'S SAFE CURE

CURES TO STAY CURED. A TRIAL BOTTLE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST KIDNEY CURE SENT ABSOLUTELY FREE TO EVERY READER OF THE TIMES-DISPATCH.

Mrs. E. E. Van Denter, Los Angeles, California, Sec'y Social Science Club, had kidney trouble so bad that she could not straighten up. She feels like a new woman since she was effectually cured by Warner's Safe Cure. May 12, 1906, she writes:



MRS. E. E. VAN DENTER.

### CURES KIDNEY DISEASE.

When the kidneys are diseased the urine acid is not carried off, and this causes Gout, Lumbago, Rheumatism of the Joints, Rheumatism of the Muscles, Rheumatism of the Heart, Rheumatism of the Liver, etc.

In Bright's Disease the bowels are often constipated and the liver torpid. Warner's Safe Pills quickly relieve this condition, and no ill after effect is experienced.

WARNER'S SAFE CURE is put up in two sizes and is sold by all druggists, or direct, at 50 CENTS AND \$1.00 A BOTTLE. Before substituting containing harmful drugs which injure the system.

**Trial Bottle FREE.**—To convince every sufferer from diseases of the KIDNEYS, LIVER, BLADDER, BLOOD, URINARY ORGANS, and RHEUMATISM, we will send a TRIAL BOTTLE of WARNER'S SAFE CURE to any one who will write WARNER'S SAFE CURE CO., Rochester, N. Y., and mention having seen this advertisement in The Times-Dispatch. The genuineness of this offer is fully guaranteed. Our doctors will also send you a book containing descriptions of symptoms and treatment of each disease and many convincing testimonials free to every one.

educational meeting surpasses the expectation of its friends both in the interest manifested and in the number of those who attended and in the good results they accomplished.

"CLAUDE A. SWANSON."

### Did Fine Work.

It is impossible at this time to give a correct estimate of what has been accomplished by the conference. We are still too close to it to get a proper perspective. It is not too early, however, to say that its success was in large measure due to the ability and industry shown by Secretary H. C. Stearnes, Examiner Charles G. Maples, and Superintendent W. F. Fox and D. L. Pithman, who managed the preliminary details and did much of the planning.

"J. D. EGGLESTON, JR."

### Very Impressive.

"The most credit cannot be given to Governor Swanson, Superintendent Eggleston and others who planned this meeting. The convention was unique, and the plan larger and more far-reaching than that of any other similar meeting of which I know."

"It was the most impressive educational gathering that I have ever seen in any Southern State, and in the following directions:

"1. The size of the meeting, there being in attendance about sixteen hundred."

"2. The different educational elements represented, from the district school teacher to the division superintendent and college president."

"3. The splendid spectacle of unity of the conference and the unity of principle and methods evidenced in the spirit of the meeting."

"4. The fine instinct for organization, causing each department to effect a permanent organization."

"5. The high character of the citizenship interested in it all."

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### Education of Girls.

"The Educational Conference, interesting, instructive and significant as it was in many directions, led to nothing of greater prospective value than the organization of the Virginia Co-operative Association to Promote the Education of Girls."

"A moment's reflection reveals our present disorganized condition of our educational system for girls, and it is immensely hopeful that at a meeting, attended by representatives of all typical girls' schools, hearty cooperation was revealed upon the subject of the conference and the unity of principle and methods evidenced in the spirit of the meeting."

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### Promising for Future.

"In giving one's impressions of our greatest educational conference, mention should be made of the fact that the general attendance was almost entirely from Virginia, and even the speakers, with but two or three exceptions, were all Virginians. It seems, then, that Virginia has asserted or realized her best self. I regard the meeting more as an earnest of what the future has in store for us than for its own splendid achievements."

"More than a hundred addresses were delivered, and were long, and all were interesting. In almost every meeting the audience was large and appreciative. It would be impossible for any one to say which was the most interesting, earnest and inspiring speech in any respect. Conviction and earnestness and pride rang in every voice. Many an officer, who was conservative, will go back home with a new glow in his heart; many a teacher, who was drifting, will go back a leader; many a citizen, who was a well-wisher only, will go back a partisan. The messages carried by word of mouth and through the press will work the same transformation at home. It matters not in our present humor, what any one person has done or can do. This is an affair of State, and our vision must be so broadened as to include in every corner of the eye all the territory that lies between the mountains

and the sea, from the Potomac to the furthest border of our southernmost county."

"R. C. STEARNES."

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How a Dyspeptic School Ma'am Prepared and Ate One.

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### Quality of this gathering.

"First, its size. Never before in our Southland have 1,200 teachers and 400 school officers been gathered together in a purely educational meeting."

"Second, its cosmopolitanism. Legislators, country treasurers, sheriffs, Commonwealth's attorneys, superintendents, school trustees, superintendents, teachers, prominent citizens interested in education, have assembled here to witness the determined spirit of Virginia to give to every child an opportunity to develop all that the great God makes it possible for him to become. To stop the waste of money in schools that a scholar in name only, and to carry the child to the school rather than the school to the child."

"Third, its spirit of organization. Every department of civil government and educational life has organized here that the splendid educational progressive movement evidenced in Richmond may be crystallized into concrete effectiveness."

"Fourth, the enthusiasm and zeal in behalf of education. Never in the last twenty-five years has such universal enthusiasm been shown, enthusiasm not of the fault-finding, or fault-finding character, but enthusiasm with constructive elimination to better existing conditions."

"Fifth, last but not least the magnificent recognition of the splendid leadership of our zealous State Superintendent, Mr. Eggleston, and of our educational workers."

"WILLIS A. JENKINS."

### Greatest Ever Held.

"The conference in the interest of public education held in Richmond during the past week was perhaps the greatest Educational Conference ever held in the State. Its influence will go beyond the borders of the State. It was more like the National Educational Association in its scope, and compares favorably with it. Every meeting was inspiring and full of hope."

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Amelia County in Good Shape. Roads by Contract.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMELIA, VA., December 1.—The Board of Supervisors held their annual meeting here today and passed many claims.

They also settled with George K. Taylor, the treasurer, and found a balance of over \$8,000 in his hands.

The system of working the roads with a county team of six mules and a road machine is to be abandoned. The roads are to be sold next week, Thursday, December 27th, and also the test. The roads are to be let by contract.

### "CYCLONE" ARRESTED.

Said to Have Driven Horse That Had Sore Back.

"Cyclone" Samuels, the redoubtable constable of Henrico county, is in the toils of the law. He was arrested yesterday afternoon.

Bicycle Officer Keilmann performing the duty. Mr. Keilmann had "Cyclone" brought to the station house and jailed. Tomorrow morning Justice Crutcher will have a conference with the man whose name is known all over the county.

It is alleged by Mr. Emmett Taylor, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that the horse driven by the constable had a sore back, and was unfit for work. An argument ensued between Mr. Taylor and "Cyclone," and the warrant followed.

### NEW PASTOR TO WED.

Rev. Mr. Scherer Will Bring Bride to Richmond.

The Rev. J. M. Scherer, new pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Richmond, and Miss Anna Belle Downton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Downton, of Winfield, W. Va., are to be married in the Methodist Church in Winfield.

Invitations were received in Richmond yesterday. The couple will come here about January 15th, after a short honeymoon.

The bride-elect has visited here, and has several friends in the city.

The Rev. Mr. Scherer recently accepted the pastorate of the First Lutheran Church, and will preach his first sermon here this morning.

### REFUSES TO REINSTATE MINER: OTHERS STRIKE

LIVINGSTON, MONT., Dec. 1.—Because the Montana Coal and Coke company refused to reinstate a miner who had been discharged some weeks ago, four hundred miners struck yesterday afternoon, tying up the mines and coaling plants of the company at Aldridge and Hor.

The decision to strike followed after the company had refused to further negotiate the reinstatement of the discharged miner. The shut-down of the Montana company's mines will further aggravate the prevailing scarcity of coal in this State, many eastern towns in Montana being practically without any reserve coal.

### SEVENTY-FOUR DEAD. HUNTING SEASON CROP

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 1.—The Tribune today says: "Seventy-four deaths and twenty persons injured, some of them

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GREW THIS HAIR

And we can PROVE IT

"My continued presence with the superintendents for three days, as secretary of the body, gave me an opportunity to know rather deeply the spirit of the members on the question of popular education in this State. I was able to discern with certainty their views as to the demands they feel to be made upon them of this time. It is my impression that they are seriously conscious of the great part they are to take in carrying this movement to a successful issue. If I am to judge from an interesting attendance upon all the sessions of the conference, and an effort upon the part of each to give to the deliberation a practical phase, the superintendents are ready to do something never before in an assembly of this kind. I see the members so intent upon finding a solution of the difficulties as they are in their discussions."

"Unquestionably the organization of superintendents of the State for annual meeting is another one of the hope-giving things achieved by this great gathering of our educational forces."

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